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LEPROSY AND PELLAGRA IN RHODE ISLAND.

Dr. Gardner T. Swarts, secretary State Board of Health, Rhode Island, reported June 15:

Leprosy.—A case of leprosy was discovered in this State May 1 in the person of a boy aged 15 in attendance upon public school. He was born in Louisiana where he lived for four years and resided one year in North Carolina and the rest of his life in Pawtucket, R. I. The symptoms of the disease probably date back 5 years. The case was discovered in the out-patient department of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and the boy was immediately transferred to his home in Pawtucket. The type of the disease is nodular and tubercular, affecting the face including the nose and lips, and is quite typical in appearance. There is some numbness of the face and the leonine expression is present. *Lepra bacilli* are present in large quantities in the secretions from the nose. The hands are slightly thickened. The patient has been kept isolated in his own family.

Pellagra.—Eight cases of pellagra are present in the insane hospital at the State institution at Cranston. Three patients died of the disease during the latter part of the year 1910. Another case was noted two weeks ago.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California, on San Francisco Bay, 325 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended June 3, 1911.

Record of Plague Infection.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Oct. 26, 1909.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	.....do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 28, 1907.....	None.....	.....do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	.....do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	May 24, 1911.....	103 squirrels. 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1908.....	None.....	Apr. 3, 1911.....	248 squirrels.
Merced.....	None.....	.....do.....	Mar. 20, 1911.....	3 squirrels.
Monterey.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	June 6, 1910.....	4 squirrels.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	.....do.....	July 11, 1910.....	20 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	None.....	.....do.....	May 17, 1911.....	15 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	.....do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	.....do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	Apr. 10, 1911.....	11 squirrels.
Washington:				
Cities—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Feb. 8, 1910.....	None.....	22 rats.